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For: ANTERIOR EXPANDABLE SPINAL FUSION CAGE SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed May 21, 2001, kindly consider the following with respect to the above noted application for patent.

REMARKS:

Applicant hereby elects species III which is shown in Figs. 15 through 17. In reviewing the claims, it appears that the following claims are directed specifically to this embodiment: 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 30.

It is urged that the method of dividing the embodiments into

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